

# **Durham Mennonite Church**

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**Welcome to Durham Mennonite Church**

# **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Almighty God, As we stand in awe of your goodness and mercy today, we invite you to be present amongst us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Father, we declare that we love you. Thank you that you have made the way of love known through your son Jesus Christ. We pray that you would reveal this great love to us all today as we gather to worship. Lead us by your Spirit to praise you. May our hearts overflow with thanksgiving and our mouths proclaim your everlasting greatness. In the wonderful name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 63:1-4**

**O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek  
you;**

**my soul thirsts for you;**

**my flesh faints for you,**

**as in a dry and weary land**

**where there is no water.**

**So I have looked upon you in the  
sanctuary,**

**beholding your power and glory.**

**Because your steadfast love is better than  
life,**

**my lips will praise you.**

**So I will bless you as long as I live;**

**in your name I will lift up my hands.**

## **HYMN - VT #103 JOYFUL, JOYFUL**

**1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!**

**2 All Your works with joy surround You,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,  
Stars and angels sing around You,  
Center of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Praising You eternally!**

**3 Always giving and forgiving,**

**Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,  
Let Your light upon us shine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.**

**4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus,  
Which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
Joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.**

## **HYMN - VT #160 - LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS**

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,**

**Leaning on the everlasting arms;**

**What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,**

**Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leaning, leaning,**

**Safe and secure from all alarms;**

**Leaning, leaning,**

**Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,**

**Leaning on the everlasting arms;**

**Oh, how bright the path grows from day to  
day,**

**Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

## **SCRIPTURE - MARK 10:13-16 NIV**

### **The Little Children and Jesus**

**13 People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." 16 And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.**



## **SCRIPTURE - Daniel 3:8-30 NIV**

**29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?  
Yet not one of them will fall to the ground  
outside your Father's care. 30 And even  
the very hairs of your head are all  
numbered. 31 So don't be afraid; you are  
worth more than many sparrows.**

## **SCRIPTURE - PSALM 119:169-175 NIV**

**169 May my cry come before you, LORD;  
give me understanding according to  
your  
word.**

**170 May my supplication come before you;  
deliver me according to your promise.**

**171 May my lips overflow with praise,  
for you teach me your decrees.**

**172 May my tongue sing of your word,  
for all your commands are righteous.**

**173 May your hand be ready to help me,  
for I have chosen your precepts.**

**174 I long for your salvation, LORD,  
and your law gives me delight.**

**175 Let me live that I may praise you,  
and may your laws sustain me.**

# MESSAGE - CAROL AND GLENN DETWEILER

## VIDEO - HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/btA-G4aE2x4> title="How Deep The Father's Love For Us - Selah (Lyrics)"  
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## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

## SHARING PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS

## PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in  
heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **HYMN - VT #754 - IN MY LIFE, LORD, BE GLORIFIED**

**In my life Lord be glorified, be glorified  
In my life Lord, be glorified today.**

**In our song Lord be glorified, be glorified  
In our song Lord, be glorified today.**

**In Your church Lord be glorified, be  
glorified**

**In Your church Lord, be glorified today.**

**In Your world Lord be glorified, be glorified  
In Your world Lord, be glorified today.**

## **SENDING - VT #998**

**Everlasting God,  
In whom we live and move and have our  
being:**

**You have made us for yourself,  
so that our hearts are restless  
until they rest in you.**

**Give us purity of heart and strength of  
purpose,**

**That no selfish passion may hinder us  
from knowing your will,**

**no weakness keep us from doing it,**

**that in your light we may see clearly,**

**And in your service find perfect freedom,  
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit.**

**One God, now and forever. Amen.**